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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

17 PASQUAIL BATES, individually and on behalf of all
18 others similarly situated; RONALD GRIDER,
individually and on behalf of all others similarly
19 situated; ERIK W. WAHL, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated; DILLYN
20 WARREN, individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated; JULIE WRIGHT, individually and
21 on behalf of all others similarly situated; SHARON
PRATT, individually and on behalf of all others
22 similarly situated;

23 Plaintiffs,

24 vs.

25 DOLLAR LOAN CENTER, LLC d/b/a DOLLAR LOAN
CENTER D/B/A LOAN SHACK, a Nevada Limited
26 Liability Company; DLC EMPIRE, LLC d/b/a
DOLLAR LOAN CENTER, a South Dakota Limited
27 Liability Company; CLARK COUNTY COLLECTION
SERVICE, LLC, d/b/a CLARK COUNTY COLLECTION

Docket No.: 2:13-cv-1731

**COMPLAINT
JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

SERVICE, a Nevada Limited Liability Company;
CHECK CITY PARTNERSHIP, LLC d/b/a CHECK
CITY, a Nevada Limited Liability Company; TOSH,
INC. d/b/a TOSH OF UTAH, INC. d/b/a CHECK CITY
CHECK CASHING d/b/a CHECK CITY, a Utah
Corporation; CCI FINANCIAL, INC. d/b/a
CHECKCITY.COM, a Utah Corporation; CASH 1.
LLC d/b/a CASH 1, a Nevada Limited Liability
Company.

Defendants.

I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction because several claims arise out of violations of federal law. 28 USC § 1331; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b); *Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC*, 565 U.S. ___, 132 S. Ct. 740, 753 (2012).

2. This Court has “supplemental jurisdiction over all other claims [because they] are so related to claims in the action within such original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy under Article III of the United States Constitution.” 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

3. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)-(c) because the Defendants are all subject to personal jurisdiction in, and are thus residents of Nevada. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1391(c)(2).

II. SUMMARY OF ACTION

4. Plaintiffs bring this Class Action Complaint for damages, injunctive relief, and any other available legal or equitable remedies, resulting from the illegal actions of Defendants in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully invading Plaintiffs’ privacy by using an automatic telephone dialing system (“ATDS”) to initiate a telephone call to Plaintiffs on their cellular telephones without prior express consent in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”).

5. Defendants are all involved in the business of high-interest, short-term loans (i.e. “payday loans”). On information and belief, Defendants’ debt collection practices include collecting multiple “References” from borrowers under the false auspice that the contacts will only be contacted as a credit reference. However, Defendants rarely, if ever, contact any of the References for the purposes of checking

on the borrower's creditworthiness. Instead, Defendants gather the names and addresses of debtors' friends and family for the purpose of pursuing the borrower in the event that he or she defaults on the debt.

6. Each Plaintiff was named by a friend or family member as a "reference" on his or her application for a payday loan. On information and belief, when a borrower failed to make payments and the Defendants were unable to contact the borrowers, each of the Defendants used an ATDS—without regard to whether they were calling a number associated with a cellular phone or a landline—to contact the Plaintiffs in an attempt to locate the borrower and collect the debt.

7. Defendants did not obtain Plaintiffs' consent to contact them on their cellular phones using an ATDS.

III. THE PARTIES

A. Plaintiffs

8. Plaintiff Pasquail Bates ("Ms. Bates") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of South Carolina.

9. Plaintiff Ronald Grider ("Mr. Grider") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of Nevada.

10. Plaintiff Erik W. Wahl ("Mr. Wahl") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of Nevada.

11. Plaintiff Dillyn Warren ("Mr. Warren") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of Nevada.

12. Plaintiff Julie Wright ("Ms. Wright") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of Nevada.

13. Plaintiff Sharon Pratt ("Ms. Pratt") is, and at all times material hereto was, a resident of Nevada.

B. Defendants DLC Empire, LLC and Dollar Loan Center, LLC

14. Dollar Loan Center, LLC ("DLC Nevada") is, and at all times material hereto was, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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1 15. DLC Empire, LLC (“DLC Empire”) is, and at all times material hereto was, a South Dakota
2 Limited Liability Company, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in Sioux Falls, South
3 Dakota.

4 16. DLC Empire is registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a foreign corporation
5 authorized to do business in Nevada and, in fact, does substantial business in Nevada.

6 17. DLC Nevada is licensed by the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 604A.010 to 604A.940,
7 inclusive, to provide deferred deposit loan services, high-interest loan services, title loan services, and check
8 cashing services.

9 18. On information and belief, DLC Nevada is primarily engaged in the business of providing
10 consumers with high-interest, short-term loans (i.e. payday loans, title loans, personal loans).

11 19. DLC Nevada and DLC Empire purport to be the largest provider of short-term credit services
12 in Nevada.

13 20. On information and belief, DLC does substantial business in Nevada, which includes
14 operating more than thirty physical locations in Nevada and, in conjunction with other affiliated entities,
15 operating the website, www.dontbebroke.com, which provides high-interest loans to Nevada residents.

16 21. DLC Empire and DLC Nevada are jointly referred to as the “DLC Defendants.”

17 22. The DLC Defendants are, and at all times material hereto were, limited liability companies
18 and “person[s]” pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

19 **C. Defendant Clark County Collection Service (“CCCS”)**

20 23. Clark County Collection Service, LLC (“CCCS”) is, and at all times material hereto was, a
21 Nevada limited liability company, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in Las Vegas,
22 Nevada.

23 24. On information and belief, CCCS’s principle purpose is the collection of debts owed or due
24 or asserted to be owed or due to another, and is a “debt collector” as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

25 25. CCCS is a collection agency engaged in the collection of or in soliciting or obtaining in any
26 manner the payment of a claim owed or due to be owed or due to another, and is licensed by the State of
27 Nevada pursuant to NRS 649.075 to 649.167, inclusive.

1 26. CCCS is affiliated with DLC Empire and DLC Nevada, which are all part of a “corporate
2 family . . . related by common ownership or control.”

3 27. On information and belief, CCCS does substantial business in Nevada at its Las Vegas
4 headquarters, which is also its principal place of business. Licensed in twelve states, it represents that it has
5 been recognized as “one of America’s top 500 fastest growing companies.”

6 28. CCCS is, and at all times material hereto was, a limited liability company and “person”
7 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

8 **D. Defendants Check City Partnership, LLC, CCI Financial, Inc., and Tosh, Inc.**

9 29. Defendant Check City Partnership, LLC (“Check City Nevada”) is, and at all times material
10 hereto was, a Nevada limited liability company, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in
11 Provo, Utah.

12 30. Defendant Tosh, Inc. (“Tosh”) is, and at all times material hereto was, a Utah Corporation,
13 whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in Provo, Utah.

14 31. Defendant CCI Financial, Inc. (“CCI Financial”) is, and at all times material hereto was, a
15 Utah Corporation, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in Provo, Utah.

16 32. On information and belief, Check City Nevada, Tosh, and CCI Financial are all affiliated
17 entities related by common ownership or control.

18 33. On information and belief, Tosh is the parent company to Check City Nevada.

19 34. Check City and Tosh are jointly referred to as the “Check City Defendants.”

20 35. On information and belief, Check City Nevada operates more than thirty Nevada stores in Las
21 Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Reno.

22 36. Check City Nevada’s physical locations are licensed by the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS
23 604A.010 to 604A.940, inclusive, to provide deferred deposit loan services, high-interest loan services, title
24 loan services, and check cashing services.

25 37. Tosh is registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a foreign corporation authorized to
26 do business in Nevada and, in fact, does substantial business in Nevada.

27 38. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants do substantial business in Nevada.

1 39. The Check City Defendants are, and at all times material hereto were, limited liability
2 companies and “person[s]” pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

3 **E. Defendant Cash 1, LLC (“Cash 1”)**

4 40. On information and belief, Cash 1, LLC d/b/a Cash 1 (“Cash 1”) is, and at all times material
5 hereto was, a Nevada Limited Liability Company, whose primary corporate address and headquarters are in
6 Reno, Nevada.

7 41. Cash 1 is licensed by the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 604A.010 to 604A.940, inclusive,
8 to provide deferred deposit loan services, high-interest loan services, title loan services, and check cashing
9 services.

10 42. On information and belief, Cash 1 is primarily engaged in the business of providing
11 consumers with high-interest, short-term loans (i.e. payday loans, title loans, personal loans).

12 43. Cash 1 operates seven licensed locations in Nevada—six in Las Vegas and one in Reno—and
13 eleven locations in Arizona.

14 44. Cash 1 also provides loans via telephone.

15 45. On information and belief, Cash 1 does substantial business in Nevada.

16 46. Cash 1 is, and at all times material hereto was, a limited liability company and “person”
17 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

18 **IV. THE TCPA**

19 47. In 1991, Congress enacted the TCPA in response to “[v]oluminous consumer complaints
20 about abuses of telephone technology . . .” *Mims*, 132 S. Ct. at 744.

21 48. Congress found that automated calls were “an invasion of privacy.” *Id.* at 745 (quoting
22 Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-243, § 2, 105 Stat. 2394, 2394 (1991)).

23 49. Among other provisions, the TCPA regulates the use of automated telephone dialing systems
24 as defined in 47 U.S.C. §227(a)(1). Specifically, the TCPA prohibits “mak[ing] any call . . . using an
25 [ATDS] . . . to any telephone number assigned to a . . . cellular telephone service” unless the call is “made
26 for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party.” 47 U.S.C. §
27 227(b)(1)(A)(iii) (2006).

V. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. DLC and CCC's Business Practices

50. DLC Nevada represents that it is the “#1 Community Short-Term Lender in . . . Nevada . . .” and “promise[s] to follow the law”, including “all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations in Nevada . . .”

51. The DLC Defendants are part of a “family of companies doing business as Dollar Loan Center.”

52. The service mark “Dollar Loan Center” is registered to DLC Nevada with the Nevada Secretary of State.

53. On information and belief, DLC Nevada and DLC Empire are affiliated entities that are part of a “corporate family . . . related by common ownership or control.”

54. On information and belief, DLC Empire is the parent company of DLC Nevada.

55. On information and belief, the DLC Defendants and their other affiliated entities, do business in four states, but its “home base is in Las Vegas, Nevada, where DLC employs approximately 250 people.”

56. On information and belief, the DLC Defendants and their other affiliated entities all do business through the same website, www.dontbebroke.com.

57. DLC Nevada owns the trademark “dontbebroke”, which is registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

58. On information and belief, DLC Empire performs a large number of administrative and business services for DLC Nevada, including, but not limited to, accounting, bookkeeping, compliance, facilities maintenance, security, and human resources.

59. On information and belief, DLC Empire drafts, creates, or otherwise controls, at least in part, the representations DLC makes in written materials, including, but not limited to loan applications, advertisements, and the common website, dontbebroke.com.

60. On information and belief, DLC Empire employs one or more persons as a Compliance Manager who “oversees adherence of Dollar Loan Center . . . policies and procedures to Federal and State laws and regulations.” The Compliance Manager also “examines company policies, procedures and

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1 practices to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. . . . organize and develop training manuals, testing
 2 and evaluation procedures for all employees and operations” of Dollar Loan Center, which includes DLC
 3 Nevada.

4 61. DLC Empire’s responsibility for compliance procedures renders it liable for the actions of
 5 DLC Nevada’s employees and agents with respect to actions that violate state and federal laws and
 6 regulations.

7 62. When a borrower applies for a loan from DLC, he or she fills out an application (the “DLC
 8 Application”) either online or in-store at one of its physical locations.

9 63. The DLC Application requires each prospective borrower to provide contact information for
 10 five References.

11 64. The in-store DLC Loan Application requests only one category of contact information for
 12 each Reference—a phone number. It does not request the Reference’s entire mailing address.

13 65. The DLC Application does not ask the borrower to indicate whether the Reference’s
 14 telephone number is for a landline phone or a cellular phone.

15 66. The in-store DLC Application requires the borrower to “certify that the information provided
 16 is true and complete to the best of [the prospective borrower’s] knowledge” and grant “permission to verify
 17 the above information for a credit decision based on verified information, which may include contacting
 18 employers, relatives, bank references, and obtaining credit reports.”

19 67. The online DLC Application requires the prospective borrower to “certify that the
 20 information provided on [the DLC Application] is true and complete to the best of [the prospective
 21 borrower’s] knowledge” and grant “permission to verify the information such as contacting employers,
 22 relatives . . . to verify that information *for the purposes of securing credit* from [DLC].” (emphasis added).

23 68. DLC Nevada represents that it generally processes a loan for first-time customers in
 24 thirty minutes or less.

25 69. Neither the in-store nor the online DLC Application informs the prospective borrower that the
 26 References’ contact information will be used for collections purposes.

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1 70. On information and belief, DLC Nevada rarely contacts a prospective borrower's References
2 *"for the purposes of securing credit"* (i.e., to verify the information on the DLC Application). Instead, DLC
3 Nevada requests telephone numbers for References with the intent to harass a borrower's friends and family
4 if the borrower defaults on his or her loan.

5 71. On information and belief, when a borrower defaults on a loan, DLC Nevada's employees
6 make initial attempts to collect on the loan.

7 72. On information and belief, when DLC Nevada is not successful in collecting on delinquent
8 accounts, it refers the loan to CCCS for collection.

9 73. Acting as DLC's agent, CCCS attempts to collect money owed to DLC Nevada.

10 74. CCCS advertises its "[e]xpertise with all Federal and State debt collection regulations."

11 75. On information and belief, DLC Nevada, CCCS, and/or their agents contact the References of
12 a delinquent borrower at the phone number the borrower provided on his or her DLC Loan Application.

13 76. The DLC Defendants' website contains a "Detailed Wireless Policy" under the heading
14 "Legal Stuff." The Detailed Wireless Policy states, in pertinent part:

15 You agree and consent to be contacted by the Company, Our agents, employees,
16 attorneys, affiliates, subsequent creditors, loan servicing companies, and third-
17 party collectors through the use of email, and/or telephone calls and/or SMS text
18 messages to your cellular, home or work phone numbers, as well as any other
19 phone number you have provided in conjunction with this loan, including the use
20 of *automatic telephone dialing systems, autodialers*, or an artificial or
21 prerecorded voice.

22 (emphasis added.)

23 77. On information and belief, both DLC Nevada and CCCS use an ATDS to call a borrower's
24 References when the account becomes delinquent.

25 78. On information and belief, CCCS purposely recruits debt collectors that have experience with
26 autodialers.

27 79. On information and belief, CCCS advertises that it uses a software program called "Flexible
Automated Collection System" ("FACS"), which it describes as the "most advanced software in the
collection industry."

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80. On information and belief, DLC Nevada does not obtain the References' consent before using an ATDS to call their cellular phone numbers.

81. On information and belief, DLC Nevada does not call the References for emergency purposes.

82. On information and belief, CCCS uses an ATDS to contact third parties (parties other than the borrower) in the course of collecting debts on behalf of DLC Nevada and its other customers, which are not affiliated with DLC Nevada.

83. On information and belief, CCCS does not obtain the consent of third parties to use an ATDS to call their cellular phones.

84. All calls made by DLC Nevada and CCCS that are the subject of this Complaint occurred within the four years of the date this Complaint was filed.

B. Ms. Bates Receives Numerous Telephone Calls from DLC and/or CCCS

85. On or about November 2012 through December 2012, Pasquail Bates ("Ms. Bates") received numerous telephone calls on her cellular telephone from an individual purporting to call on behalf of DLC Nevada regarding the debt of her cousin, Demaurio Stewart.

86. Ms. Bates advised DLC Nevada and/or CCCS that she did not want to be contacted again.

87. Despite her express request that DLC Nevada and CCCS cease contact, they continued to call her.

88. On information and belief, DLC Nevada and/or CCCS used an ATDS to call Ms. Bates' cellular telephone.

89. At no time did Ms. Bates provide DLC Nevada and/or CCCS with her cellular phone number or her consent to use an ATDS calling her cellular phone number.

90. DLC Nevada and/or CCCS did not call Ms. Bates for emergency purposes.

C. Mr. Grider Receives Numerous Telephone Calls from DLC and/or CCCS

91. On or about May 2013 through June 2013, Ronald Grider ("Mr. Grider") received numerous telephone calls on his cellular telephone from an individual purporting to call on behalf of DLC regarding the debt of Mr. Grider's friend, Walter Aviles.

1 92. On information and belief, DLC Nevada and/or CCCS used an ATDS to call Mr. Grider's
2 cellular telephone.

3 93. At no time did Mr. Grider provide DLC Nevada and/or CCCS with his cellular phone number
4 or his consent to use an ATDS calling his cellular phone number.

5 94. DLC Nevada and/or CCCS did not call Mr. Grider for emergency purposes.

6 **D. Mr. Wahl Receives Numerous Telephone Calls from DLC and/or CCCS**

7 95. On March 13, 2013, Erik W. Wahl ("Mr. Wahl") received a telephone call on his cellular
8 telephone from individuals purporting to call on behalf of DLC Nevada regarding the debt of Mr. Wahl's
9 mother, Jan Wahl.

10 96. On information and belief, DLC Nevada and/or CCCS used an ATDS to call Mr. Wahl's
11 cellular telephone.

12 97. At no time did Mr. Wahl provide DLC Nevada and/or CCCS with his cellular phone number
13 or his consent to use an ATDS calling his cellular phone number.

14 98. DLC Nevada and/or CCCS did not call Mr. Wahl for emergency purposes.

15 **E. Check City's Business Practices**

16 99. On information and belief, Check City's primary business function is providing short-term
17 high interest loans to individual consumers.

18 100. On information and belief, Tosh is the parent company of both CCI Financial and Check City
19 Nevada.

20 101. On information and belief, Tosh is involved with the day-to-day governance of CCI Financial
21 and Check City Nevada performs, and provides administrative and business services for Check City,
22 including, but not limited to, accounting, bookkeeping, facilities maintenance, security, and human
23 resources.

24 102. On information and belief, CCI Financial is the sole owner of the website Checkcity.com,
25 which directly provides on-line loans to Nevada residents.

26 103. Tosh is the owner of the trademarks "Checkcity.com," "Check City," "Check City Loan
27 Center," and the Check City logo.

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104. Check City's Responsible Lending Statement includes a section titled "We Follow the Law" and states that it complies with all Federal and State laws and regulations.

105. When a prospective borrower applies for a loan from the Check City Defendants, he or she must fill out an application (the "Check City Application").

106. The Check City Application requires each prospective borrower to provide contact information for two or three friends and family members. Specifically, the Check City Application seeks the contact information of a "Relative (Not Living With [the Prospective Borrower])," a "Personal Reference (Not Living With [the Prospective Borrower])," and another "Personal Reference" if the prospective borrower is "applying for an Auto Title Loan or Signature Loan, or if specifically requested by a Check City representative."

107. The Check City Application does not ask the borrower to indicate whether the Reference's telephone number is for a landline phone or a cellular phone.

108. The Check City Application also requires prospective borrowers to acknowledge that the Check City Defendants may "verify the truthfulness of the information [the prospective borrower] provided on this application by contacting third parties, *including the references listed above.*"

109. Conversely, the Check City Application also contains a provision authorizing Check City to contact third parties regarding a borrower's debt, but the provision does not mention the borrower's References.

110. The Check City Application also contains a provision authorizing "robocalls" to the prospective borrower (the "Check City ATDS Provision"), which states, in pertinent part:

****Transaction Robocalls (Including SMS Text Messages) to Your Cellular Phone.** Receipt of cellular phone calls (including text messages) may be subject to charges from your service provider. If you have listed a cell phone above or you give us an updated cell phone number, then you authorize us to call (including sending SMS text messages) using an *automatic telephone dialing system* or prerecorded message to your cell phone number to provide account information and services, such as when your transaction is approved, payment reminders or collection efforts.

(second emphasis added).

1 111. On information and belief, when a borrower defaults on a loan, the Check City Defendants
2 attempt to collect the debt.

3 112. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants place telephone calls to the borrower's
4 References if the borrower defaults on his or her loan.

5 113. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants use an ATDS to call the References.

6 114. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants do not obtain the References' consent
7 to use an ATDS to call their cellular phone numbers.

8 115. On information and belief, the calls to the References' cellular phones from the Check City
9 Defendants are not for emergency purposes.

10 116. All calls made by the Check City Defendants that are the subject of this Complaint occurred
11 within the four years before this Complaint was filed.

12 **F. Mr. Warren Receives a Telephone Call from Check City**

13 117. On or about the time period spanning November 2012 through December 2012, Mr. Warren
14 received numerous calls on his cellular telephone from an individual purporting to call on behalf of the
15 Check City Defendants regarding his friend, Danielle Iorio.

16 118. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants used an ATDS to call Mr. Warren's
17 cellular telephone.

18 119. At no time did Mr. Warren provide the Check City Defendants with his cellular phone
19 number or his consent to use an ATDS to call his cellular phone number.

20 120. The Check City Defendants did not call Mr. Warren for emergency purposes.

21 **G. Ms. Wright Receives a Telephone Call from Check City**

22 121. On or about August 1, 2013, Ms. Wright received a telephone call to her cellular telephone
23 from an individual purporting to call on behalf of the Check City Defendants regarding her friend, Cassie
24 Castillo.

25 122. On information and belief, the Check City Defendants used an ATDS to call Ms. Wright on
26 her cellular telephone.

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1 123. At no time did Ms. Wright provide the Check City Defendants with her cellular phone
2 number or her consent to use an ATDS to call her cellular phone number.

3 124. The Check City Defendants did not call Ms. Wright for emergency purposes.

4 **H. Cash 1, Inc.**

5 125. On information and belief, Cash 1 is primarily in the business of providing short-term, high
6 interest loans to individual consumers.

7 126. When a prospective borrower applies for a loan from the Check City Defendants, he or she
8 must fill out an application (the "Cash 1 Application") at a Cash 1 store.

9 127. The Cash 1 Application requires each prospective borrower to provide contact information
10 for three References.

11 128. On information and belief, the Cash 1 Application requires prospective borrowers to provide
12 contact information for three References. Specifically, it requires contact information for two family
13 members and a friend (or three family members).

14 129. On information and belief, the Cash 1 Application includes a space for each Reference's
15 mailing address, but does not require that a prospective borrower include that information.

16 130. On information and belief, the Cash 1 Application includes a space for each Reference's
17 telephone number and will not approve a loan without the names of at least three References that can be
18 verified.

19 131. The Cash 1 Application does not ask the borrower to indicate whether the Reference's
20 telephone number is for a landline phone or a cellular phone.

21 132. On information and belief, Cash 1 does not generally contact References for the purpose of
22 verifying information in the application or determining the prospective borrower's credit-worthiness.
23 Rather, Cash 1 only verifies the References' identity and phone number for the purpose of harassing the
24 References if the borrower defaults on the loan payment.

25 133. By signing the Cash 1 Application, the prospective borrower "acknowledge[s] and attest[s]
26 that all the information furnished [on the Cash 1 Application] is true, correct, and complete." The Cash 1
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1 Application also includes the following statement: "Knowingly making a false statement on a credit
2 application is a crime."

3 134. On information and belief, when a borrower defaults on a loan, Cash 1 or its agents attempts
4 to collect on the loan.

5 135. On information and belief, Cash 1 or its agents contacts the References provided by a
6 delinquent borrower at the phone number the borrower provided on his or her Cash 1 Loan Application.

7 136. On information and belief, Cash 1 uses an ATDS to call a borrower's References if the
8 account becomes delinquent.

9 137. On information and belief, Cash 1 and its agents do not obtain the References' consents
10 before using an ATDS to call their cellular phone numbers.

11 138. On information and belief, Cash 1 and its agents do not call the References for emergency
12 purposes.

13 139. All calls made by Cash 1 and its agents that are the subject of this Complaint occurred within
14 the four years of the date this Complaint was filed.

15 **H. Ms. Pratt Receives a Telephone Call from Cash 1**

16 140. In January 2013, Sharon Pratt ("Ms. Pratt") received numerous telephone calls on her cellular
17 telephone from an individual purporting to call on behalf of Cash 1 regarding the debt of her friend, Latoya
18 Johnson.

19 141. Ms. Pratt advised Cash 1 that she did not want to be contacted again.

20 142. Cash 1's representative advised Ms. Pratt that the calls to Ms. Pratt's cellular telephone
21 would continue until Ms. Johnson repaid her debt.

22 143. Despite her express request that Cash 1 cease all contact, Cash 1 continued to call her cellular
23 telephone.

24 144. On information and belief, Cash 1 used an ATDS to call Ms. Pratt's cellular telephone.

25 145. Cash 1 did not call Ms. Pratt for emergency purposes.
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VI. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

A. DLC Class Representatives - Ms. Bates, Mr. Grider, and Mr. Wahl v. the DLC Defendants

146. Ms. Bates, Mr. Grider, and Mr. Wahl (collectively, the “DLC Class Representatives”) bring this action on behalf of themselves and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated (the “DLC Class”).

147. The DLC Class Representatives propose the following definition for the DLC Class subject to amendment as appropriate:

All persons within the United States who, on or after September 20, 2009, received a non-emergency telephone call from the DLC Defendants to a cellular telephone:

1. That was placed using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
2. Regarding a borrower other than the recipient of the call; and
3. Who did not provide prior express consent for such calls.

Collectively, all these persons will be referred to as the “DLC Class Members.” The DLC Class Representatives represent, and are members of, the DLC Class.

Excluded from the DLC Class are the DLC Defendants and any entities in which the DLC Defendants have a controlling interest, the DLC Defendants’ agents and employees, the Judge to whom this action is assigned and any member of the Judge’s staff and immediate family, and claims for personal injury, and/or emotional distress.

148. The DLC Class Representatives do not know the exact number of members in the DLC Class, but based upon the number of DLC Nevada’s locations and the DLC Defendants’ representations as to their market share, Plaintiffs reasonably believe that Class members number over ten thousand (10,000).

149. The DLC Class Representatives and all members of the DLC Class have been harmed by the acts of the DLC Defendants.

150. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.

151. The joinder of all DLC Class Members is impracticable due to the size and relatively modest value of each individual claim. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide substantial benefit to the parties and the Court in avoiding a multiplicity of identical suits. The Class can be identified easily through records maintained by the DLC Defendants.

1 152. There are well defined, nearly identical, questions of law and fact affecting all parties. The
 2 questions of law and fact involving the class claims predominate over questions which may affect individual
 3 DLC Class Members. Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 4 a. Whether, beginning on September 20, 2009, the DLC Defendants made non-emergency calls
 5 to the DLC Class Representatives' and the DLC Class Members' cellular telephones using
 6 an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
- 7 b. Whether the DLC Defendants can meet its burden of showing it obtained prior express
 8 consent (i.e., consent that is clearly and unmistakably stated) to make such calls;
- 9 c. Whether the DLC Defendants' conduct was knowing and/or willful;
- 10 d. Whether the DLC Defendants engaged in deceptive trade practices by: (i) knowingly making
 11 false representations in its transactions with borrowers that their "references" would be
 12 contacted as a credit reference, when, in reality, the DLC Defendants would only contact the
 13 "references" if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan; (ii) failing to disclose a material
 14 fact in connection with the lending of money to borrowers by failing to disclose that the DLC
 15 Defendants would contact the borrower's "references" if the borrower defaulted on his or her
 16 loan; or (iii) by violating the TCPA by contacting the DLC Class Members on their cellular
 17 telephones using an ATDS without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0915(15),
 18 598.0923(2)-(3).
- 19 e. Whether the DLC Defendants are liable for damages and the amount of such damages; and
- 20 f. Whether the DLC Defendants should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the
 21 future.

22 153. As individuals who received numerous and repeated telephone calls using an ATDS without
 23 their prior express consent within the meaning of the TCPA, the DLC Class Representatives assert claims
 24 that are typical of each DLC Class Member. The DLC Class Representatives will fairly and adequately
 25 represent and protect the interests of the DLC Class, and they have no interests which are contrary to the
 26 interests of any of the DLC Class Members.

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154. The DLC Class Representatives have retained counsel experienced in handling class action claims involving violations of Federal and State consumer protection laws such as the TCPA.

155. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Class-wide relief is essential to compel the DLC Defendants to comply with the TCPA and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The interest of the DLC Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against the DLC Defendants are small because the statutory damages in an individual action for violation of the TCPA are small. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than are presented in many class claims because the calls at issue are all automated and the DLC Class Members, by definition, did not provide the prior express consent required under the statute to authorize calls to their cellular telephones.

156. The DLC Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the DLC Class, thereby making final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the DLC Class as a whole appropriate. Moreover, on information and belief, the DLC Class Representatives allege that the TCPA and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations complained of herein are substantially likely to continue in the future if an injunction is not entered.

B. CCCS Class Representatives – Ms. Bates, Mr. Grider, and Mr. Wahl v. CCCS

157. Ms. Bates, Mr. Grider, and Mr. Wahl (collectively, the “CCCS Class Representatives”) bring this action on behalf of themselves and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated (the “CCCS Class”).

158. The CCCS Class Representatives propose the following definition for the CCCS Class, subject to amendment as appropriate:

All persons within the United States who, on or after September 20, 2009, received a non-emergency telephone call from CCCS to a cellular telephone:

1. That was placed using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
2. Regarding a debtor other than the recipient of the call; and
3. Who did not provide prior express consent for such calls.

Collectively, all these persons will be referred to as the “CCCS Class Members.” The CCCS Class Representatives represent, and are members of, the CCCS Class.

1 Excluded from the CCCS Class are CCCS and any entities in which CCCS
2 has a controlling interest, CCCS's agents and employees, the Judge to whom
3 this action is assigned and any member of the Judge's staff and immediate
family, and claims for personal injury, and/or emotional distress.

4 159. The DLC Class Representatives do not know the exact number of members in the CCCS
5 Class, but based upon the number of CCCS locations and CCCS's representations as to their market share,
6 Plaintiff reasonably believes that Class members number over ten thousand (10,000).

7 160. The CCCS Class Representatives and all members of the CCCS Class have been harmed by
8 the acts of DLC.

9 161. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.

10 162. The joinder of all CCCS Class Members is impracticable due to the size and relatively
11 modest value of each individual claim. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide
12 substantial benefit to the parties and the Court in avoiding a multiplicity of identical suits. The Class can be
13 identified easily through records maintained by CCCS.

14 163. There are well defined, nearly identical, questions of law and fact affecting all parties. The
15 questions of law and fact involving the class claims predominate over questions which may affect individual
16 DLC Class Members. Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 17 a. Whether, beginning on September 20, 2009, CCCS made non-emergency calls to the DLC
18 Class Representatives' and the DLC Class Members' cellular telephones using an automatic
19 telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
- 20 b. Whether CCCS can meet its burden of showing it obtained prior express consent (i.e.,
21 consent that is clearly and unmistakably stated), to make such calls;
- 22 c. Whether CCCS's conduct was knowing and/or willful;
- 23 d. Whether CCCS engaged in deceptive trade practices by violating the TCPA by contacting
24 the CCCS Class Members on their cellular telephones using an ATDS without their prior
25 express consent. *See* NRS 598.0915(15), 598.0923(2)-(3).
- 26 e. Whether CCCS is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages; and
- 27 f. Whether CCCS should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.

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1 164. As individuals who received numerous and repeated telephone calls using an ATDS without
2 their prior express consent within the meaning of the TCPA, the CCCS Class Representatives assert claims
3 that are typical of each CCCS Class Member. The CCCS Class Representatives will fairly and adequately
4 represent and protect the interests of the CCCS Class, and they have no interests which are contrary to the
5 interests of any of the CCCS Class Members.

6 165. The CCCS Class Representatives have retained counsel experienced in handling class action
7 claims involving violations of Federal and State consumer protection laws such as the TCPA.

8 166. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this
9 controversy. Class-wide relief is essential to compel CCCS to comply with the TCPA and the Nevada
10 Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The interest of the CCCS Class Members in individually controlling the
11 prosecution of separate claims against CCCS is small because the statutory damages in an individual action
12 for violation of the TCPA are small. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer
13 difficulties than are presented in many class claims because the calls at issue are all automated and the
14 CCCS Class Members, by definition, did not provide the prior express consent required under the statute to
15 authorize calls to their cellular telephones.

16 167. CCCS has acted on grounds generally applicable to the CCCS Class, thereby making final
17 injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the CCCS Class as a whole appropriate.
18 Moreover, on information and belief, the CCCS Class Representatives allege that the TCPA and the Nevada
19 Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations complained of herein are substantially likely to continue in the
20 future if an injunction is not entered.

21 **C. Check City Class Representatives – Mr. Warren and Ms. Wright v. the Check City Defendants**

22 168. Mr. Warren and Ms. Wright (the “Check City Class Representatives”) bring this action on
23 behalf of themselves and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated (the “Check City Class”).

24 169. The Check City Class Representatives propose the following definition for the Check City
25 Class, subject to amendment as appropriate:

26 All persons within the United States who, on or after September 20, 2009,
27 received a non-emergency telephone call from the Check City Defendants to
a cellular telephone:

1. That was placed using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
2. Regarding a borrower other than the recipient of the call; and
3. Who did not provide prior express consent for such calls.

Collectively, all these persons will be referred to as the "Check City Class Members." The Check City Class Representatives represent, and are members of, the Check City Class.

Excluded from the Check City Class are the Check City Defendants and any entities in which the Check City Defendants have a controlling interest, the Check City Defendants' agents and employees, the Judge to whom this action is assigned and any member of the Judge's staff and immediate family, and claims for personal injury, and/or emotional distress.

170. The Check City Class Representatives do not know the exact number of members in the Check City Class, but based upon the number of Check City locations and the Check City Defendants' representations as to their market share, the Check City Class Representatives reasonably believe that Class members number over ten thousand (10,000).

171. The Check City Class Representatives and all members of the Check City Class have been harmed by the acts of the Check City Defendants.

172. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.

173. The joinder of all Check City Class Members is impracticable due to the size and relatively modest value of each individual claim. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide substantial benefit to the parties and the Court in avoiding a multiplicity of identical suits. The Class can be identified easily through records maintained by the Check City Defendants.

174. There are well defined, nearly identical, questions of law and fact affecting all parties. The questions of law and fact involving the class claims predominate over questions which may affect individual Check City Class Members. Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Whether, beginning on September 20, 2009, the Check City Defendants made non-emergency calls to the Check City Class Representatives and the Check City Class

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Members' cellular telephones using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;

- b. Whether the Check City Defendants can meet their burden of showing they obtained prior express consent (i.e., consent that is clearly and unmistakably stated) to make such calls;
- c. Whether the Check City Defendants' conduct was knowing and/or willful;
- d. Whether the Check City Defendants engaged in deceptive trade practices by: (i) knowingly making false representations in their transactions with borrowers that their "references" would be contacted as a credit reference, when, in reality, the Check City Defendants would only contact the "references" if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan; (ii) failing to disclose a material fact in connection with the lending of money to borrowers by failing to disclose that they would contact the borrower's "references" if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan; or (iii) by violating the TCPA by contacting the DLC Class Members on their cellular telephones using an ATDS without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0915(15), 598.0923(2)-(3).
- e. Whether the Check City Defendants are liable for damages, and the amount of such damages; and
- f. Whether the Check City Defendants should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.

175. As individuals who received numerous and repeated telephone calls using an ATDS without their prior express consent within the meaning of the TCPA, the Check City Class Representatives assert claims that are typical of each Check City Class Member. The Check City Class Representatives will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Check City Class, and they have no interests which are contrary to the interests of any of the Check City Class Members.

176. The Check City Class Representatives have retained counsel experienced in handling class action claims involving violations of Federal and State consumer protection laws such as the TCPA and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

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177. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Class-wide relief is essential to compel the Check City Defendants to comply with the TCPA and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The interest of the Check City Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims against the Check City Defendants is small because the statutory damages in an individual action for violation of the TCPA are small. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly fewer difficulties than are presented in many class claims because the calls at issue are all automated and the Check City Class Members, by definition, did not provide the prior express consent required under the statute to authorize calls to their cellular telephones.

178. The Check City Defendants have acted in a manner generally applicable to the Check City Class, thereby making final injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Check City Class as a whole appropriate. Moreover, on information and belief, the Check City Class Representative allege that the TCPA and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations complained of herein are substantially likely to continue in the future if an injunction is not entered.

D. Cash 1 Class Representative - Ms. Pratt v. Cash 1

179. Ms. Pratt (the "Cash 1 Class Representative") brings this action on behalf of herself and on behalf of all other persons similarly situated (the "Cash 1 Class").

180. The Cash 1 Class Representative proposes the following definition for the Cash 1 Class, subject to amendment as appropriate:

All persons within the United States who, on or after September 20, 2009, received a non-emergency telephone call from Cash 1 to a cellular telephone:

1. That was placed using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
2. Regarding a borrower other than the recipient of the call; and
3. Who did not provide prior express consent for such calls.

Collectively, all these persons will be referred to as the "Cash 1 Class Members." The Cash 1 Class Representative represents, and is a member of, the Cash 1 Class.

Excluded from the Cash 1 Class are Cash 1 and any entities in which Cash 1 has a controlling interest, Cash 1's agents and employees, the Judge to whom this action is assigned and any member of the Judge's staff and immediate family, and claims for personal injury, and/or emotional distress.

1 181. The Cash 1 Class Representative does not know the exact number of members in the Cash 1
2 Class, but based upon the number of Cash 1's locations, Plaintiff reasonably believes that Class members
3 number over two thousand (2,000).

4 182. The Cash 1 Class Representative and all members of the Cash 1 Class have been harmed by
5 the acts of Cash 1.

6 183. This Class Action Complaint seeks money damages and injunctive relief.

7 184. The joinder of all Cash 1 Class Members is impracticable due to the size and relatively
8 modest value of each individual claim. The disposition of the claims in a class action will provide
9 substantial benefit to the parties and the Court in avoiding a multiplicity of identical suits. The Class can be
10 identified easily through records maintained by Cash 1.

11 185. There are well defined, nearly identical, questions of law and fact affecting all parties. The
12 questions of law and fact involving the class claims predominate over questions, which may affect
13 individual Cash 1 Class Members. Those common questions of law and fact include, but are not limited to,
14 the following:

- 15 a. Whether, beginning on September 20, 2009, Cash 1 made non-emergency calls to the Cash 1
16 Class Representative and the Cash 1 Class Members' cellular telephones using an automatic
17 telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice;
- 18 b. Whether Cash 1 can meet its burden of showing it obtained prior express consent (i.e.,
19 consent that is clearly and unmistakably stated), to make such calls;
- 20 c. Whether Cash 1's conduct was knowing and/or willful;
- 21 d. Whether Cash 1 engaged in deceptive trade practices by: (i) knowingly making false
22 representations in its transactions with borrowers that their "references" would be contacted
23 as a credit reference, when, in reality, Cash 1 would only contact the "references" if the
24 borrower defaulted on his or her loan; (ii) failing to disclose a material fact in connection
25 with the lending of money to borrowers by failing to disclose that Cash 1 would contact the
26 borrower's "references" if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan; or (iii) by violating the
27

1 TCPA by contacting the Cash 1 Class Members on their cellular telephones using an ATDS
2 without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0915(15), 598.0923(2)-(3).

3 e. Whether Cash 1 is liable for damages, and the amount of such damages; and

4 f. Whether Cash 1 should be enjoined from engaging in such conduct in the future.

5 186. As individuals who received numerous and repeated telephone calls using an ATDS without
6 their prior express consent within the meaning of the TCPA, the Cash 1 Class Representative asserts claims
7 that are typical of each Cash 1 Class Member. The Cash 1 Class Representative will fairly and adequately
8 represent and protect the interests of the Cash 1 Class, and has no interests which are contrary to the interests
9 of any of the Cash 1 Class Members.

10 187. The Cash 1 Class Representative has retained counsel experienced in handling class action
11 claims involving violations of Federal and State consumer protection laws such as the TCPA.

12 188. A class action is the superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of this
13 controversy. Class-wide relief is essential to compel Cash 1 to comply with the TCPA and the Nevada
14 Deceptive Trade Practices Act. The interest of the Cash 1 Class Members in individually controlling the
15 prosecution of separate claims against Cash 1 are small because the statutory damages in an individual
16 action for violation of the TCPA are small. Management of these claims is likely to present significantly
17 fewer difficulties than are presented in many class claims because the calls at issue are all automated and the
18 Cash 1 Class Members, by definition, did not provide the prior express consent required under the statute to
19 authorize calls to their cellular telephones.

20 189. Cash 1 has acted on grounds generally applicable to the Cash 1 Class, thereby making final
21 injunctive relief and corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Cash 1 Class as a whole
22 appropriate. Moreover, on information and belief, the Cash 1 Class Representative alleges that the TCPA
23 and the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations complained of herein are substantially likely to
24 continue in the future if an injunction is not entered.

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VII. CAUSES OF ACTION

First Cause of Action

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA; DLC Class Members v. DLC Defendants)

190. The DLC Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 189, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

191. The DLC Defendants used an ATDS to call each of the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

192. As a result of the DLC Defendants' negligent violations of the TCPA, the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to an award of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

193. The DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting the DLC Defendants from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

Second Cause of Action

(Knowing/Willful Violation of the TCPA; DLC Class Members v. DLC Defendants)

194. The DLC Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 194, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

195. The "Dollar Loan Center Responsible Lending Bill of Rights" promises that the DLC Defendants will "respect your privacy" and "adhere to applicable Federal and State privacy laws."¹

196. Notwithstanding their promise, the DLC Defendants used an ATDS to call each of the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

197. As a result of the DLC Defendants' knowing or willful violations of the TCPA, the DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to an award of up to one thousand five hundred

¹ <http://www.dontbebroke.com/nevada> (Click on the "Responsible Lending Bill of Rights")

1 dollars (\$1500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. *See* 47 U.S.C. §
2 227(b)(3).

3 198. The DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief
4 prohibiting the DLC Defendants from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

5 **Third Cause of Action**

6 **(NRS 41.600(2)(e) – Deceptive Trade Practices; DLC Class Members v. DLC Defendants)**

7 199. The DLC Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments
8 contained in Paragraphs 1 through 198, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

9 200. The DLC Defendants willfully committed an act of consumer fraud by:

- 10 a. Knowingly making false representations in transactions to borrowers that “references” will
11 be contacted for a credit reference, when, in reality, the DLC Defendants would only contact
12 the “references” if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan. *See* NRS 598.0915(15).
13 b. Failing to disclose a material fact in connection with the lending of money to borrowers by
14 failing to disclose that the DLC Defendants would contact the borrower’s “references” if the
15 borrower defaulted on his or her loan. NRS 598.0923(2).
16 c. Violating the TCPA by contacting the DLC Class Members on their cellular telephones
17 using an ATDS without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0923(2).

18 201. The DLC Defendants’ acts of consumer fraud caused the DLC Class Representatives and
19 Class Members to suffer damage by invading their privacy and causing them incur additional cellular phone
20 charges and/or lose allotted cellular phone minutes. *See* NRS 41.600(3)(a).

21 202. The DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief
22 prohibiting the DLC Defendants from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the
23 future. *See* NRS 41.600(3)(b).

24 203. The DLC Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to attorneys’ fees and costs.
25 *See* NRS 41.600(3)(c).

Fourth Cause of Action

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA; CCCS Class Members v. CCCS)

204. The CCCS Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 203, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

205. CCCS used an ATDS to call each of the CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

206. As a result of CCCS's negligent violations of the TCPA, the CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to an award of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

207. The CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting CCCS from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

Fifth Cause of Action

(Knowing/Willful Violation of the TCPA; CCCS Class Members v. CCCS)

208. The CCCS Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 207, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

209. CCCS advertises its "[e]xpertise with all Federal and State debt collection regulations."

210. Notwithstanding their expertise and knowledge, CCCS used an ATDS to call each of the CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

211. As a result of CCCS's knowing or willful violations of the TCPA, the CCCS Class Representatives and the CCCS Class Members are entitled to an award of up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

212. CCCS Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting CCCS from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

Sixth Cause of Action

(NRS 41.600(2)(e) – Deceptive Trade Practices; CCCS Class Members v. CCCS)

213. The CCCS Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 212, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

214. CCCS willfully committed an act of consumer fraud by violating the TCPA by contacting the CCCS Class Members on their cellular telephones using an ATDS without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0923(2).

215. CCCS's acts of consumer fraud caused the CCCS Class Members to suffer damage by invading their privacy and causing them incur additional cellular phone charges and/or lose allotted cellular phone minutes. *See* NRS 41.600(3)(a).

216. The CCCS Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting CCCS from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the future. *See* NRS 41.600(3)(b).

217. The CCCS Class Members are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs. *See* NRS 41.600(3)(c).

Seventh Cause of Action

(Negligent Violation of the TCPA; Check City Class Members v. Check City Defendants)

218. The Check City Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 217, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

219. The Check City Defendants used an ATDS to the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

220. As a result of the Check City Defendants' negligent violations of the TCPA, the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to an award of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

221. The Check City Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting the Check City Defendants from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

Eighth Cause of Action

(Knowing/Willful Violation of the TCPA; Check City Class Members v. Check City Defendants)

222. The Check City Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 221, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

223. The Check City Defendants used an ATDS to call each of the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members on their cellular telephones, without obtaining the express consent of the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members, in violation of the TCPA.

224. As a result of the Check City Defendants' knowing or willful violations of the TCPA, the Check City Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to an award of up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) in statutory damages for each and every call in violation of the TCPA. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

225. The Check City Class Representatives and Class Members are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting the Check City Defendants from continuing to violate the TCPA in the future.

Ninth Cause of Action

(NRS 41.600(2)(e) – Deceptive Trade Practices; Check City Class Members v. Check City Defendants)

226. The Check City Class Representatives reallege and incorporate by reference the averments contained in Paragraphs 1 through 225, inclusive, as though fully set forth herein.

227. The Check City Defendants willfully committed an act of consumer fraud by:

- a. Knowingly making false representations in transactions to borrowers that “references” will be contacted for a credit reference, when, in reality, the Check City Defendants would only contact the “references” if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan. *See* NRS 598.0915(15).
- b. Failing to disclose a material fact in connection with the lending of money to borrowers by failing to disclose the Check City Defendants would contact the borrower’s “references” if the borrower defaulted on his or her loan. NRS 598.0923(2).
- c. Violating the TCPA by contacting the Check City Class Members on their cellular telephones using an ATDS without their prior express consent. *See* NRS 598.0923(2).

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VIII. JURY DEMAND

244. The DLC Class Representatives, the CCCS Class Representatives, the Check City Class Representatives, and the Cash 1 Class Representative, hereby demand a jury trial.

IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully requests that the Court grant Plaintiffs and all Class Members the following relief against Defendants:

1. As a result of DLC's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the DLC Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each DLC Class Member, five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages.

2. As a result of DLC's willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the DLC Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each DLC Class Member, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in statutory damages.

3. Injunctive relief prohibiting DLC from continuing to violate 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

4. As a result of DLC's violations of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the DLC Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each DLC Class Member: (i) damages in an amount to be determined trial; (ii) injunctive relief prohibiting DLC from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the future; and (iii) attorneys' fees and costs. *See* NRS 41.600(3)

5. An order certifying this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, establishing an appropriate Class and any Subclasses the Court deems appropriate, finding the DLC Class Representatives are proper representatives of the DLC Class, and appointing undersigned counsel and their law firms representing the DLC Class Representatives as counsel for the Class.

6. As a result of CCCS's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the CCCS Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each CCCS Class Member, five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages.

7. As a result of CCCS willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the CCCS Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each CCCS Class Member, one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in statutory damages.

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1 8. Injunctive relief prohibiting CCCS from continuing to violate 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

2 9. As a result of CCCS's violations of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the CCCS
3 Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each CCCS Class Member: (i) damages in an amount to be
4 determined trial; (ii) injunctive relief prohibiting CCCS from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive
5 Trade Practices Act in the future; and (iii) attorneys' fees and costs. *See* NRS 41.600(3).

6 10. An order certifying this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
7 Procedure 23, establishing an appropriate Class and any Subclasses the Court deems appropriate, finding the
8 DLC Class Representatives are proper representatives of the DLC Class, and appointing undersigned
9 counsel and their law firms representing the DLC Class Representatives as counsel for the Class.

10 11. As a result of the Check City Defendants' negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the
11 Check City Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each Check City Class Member, five hundred
12 dollars (\$500.00) in statutory damages.

13 12. As a result of the Check City Defendants' willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. §
14 227(b)(1), the Check City Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each Check City Class Member,
15 one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) in statutory damages.

16 13. Injunctive relief prohibiting the Check City Loan Center Defendants from continuing to
17 violate 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

18 14. As a result of the Check City Defendants' violations of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices
19 Act, the Check City Class Representatives seek for themselves, and each Check City Class Member: (i)
20 damages in an amount to be determined trial; (ii) injunctive relief prohibiting the Check City Defendants
21 from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act in the future; and (iii) attorneys' fees
22 and costs. *See* NRS 41.600(3)

23 15. An order certifying this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
24 Procedure 23, establishing an appropriate Class and any Subclasses the Court deems appropriate, finding the
25 Check City Class Representatives are proper representatives of the Check City Class, and appointing
26 undersigned counsel and their law firms representing the Check City Class Representatives as counsel for
27 the Class.

1 16. As a result of the Cash 1's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the Cash 1 Class
2 Representative seeks for herself, and each Cash 1 Class Member, five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in statutory
3 damages.

4 17. As a result Cash 1's willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1), the Cash 1
5 Class Representative seeks for herself, and each Cash 1 Class Member, one thousand five hundred dollars
6 (\$1,500.00) in statutory damages.

7 18. Injunctive relief prohibiting Cash 1 from continuing to violate 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

8 19. As a result of the Cash 1's violations of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the Cash
9 1 Class Representative seek for themselves, and each Cash 1 Class Member: (i) damages in an amount to be
10 determined trial; (ii) injunctive relief prohibiting Cash 1 from continuing to violate the Nevada Deceptive
11 Trade Practices Act in the future; and (iii) attorneys' fees and costs. *See* NRS 41.600(3)

12 20. An order certifying this action to be a proper class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
13 Procedure 23, establishing an appropriate Class and any Subclasses the Court deems appropriate, finding the
14 Cash 1 Class Representative is a proper representative of the Cash 1 Class, and appointing undersigned
15 counsel and their law firms representing the Cash 1 Class Representative as counsel for the Class.

16 21. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

17 22. Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

18 DATED this 20th day of September, 2013.

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

PASQUAIL BATES, et al.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Kershaw, S. Carolina
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

DOLLAR LOAN CENTER, LLC d/b/a DOLLAR LOAN
CENTER d/b/a LOAN SHACK, et al.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Clark County, NV
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

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LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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V. ORIGIN

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- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

47 U.S.C. 227

Brief description of cause:

Violations of Telephone Consumer Protection Act

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☒ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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